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In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Invention I, drawn to Claims 1-7 and 8-14 and further as required by the restriction notice, within Invention I, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Invention 1a, Claims 1-7, with traverse. In addition, prior to Examination of the provisionally elected Claims, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.